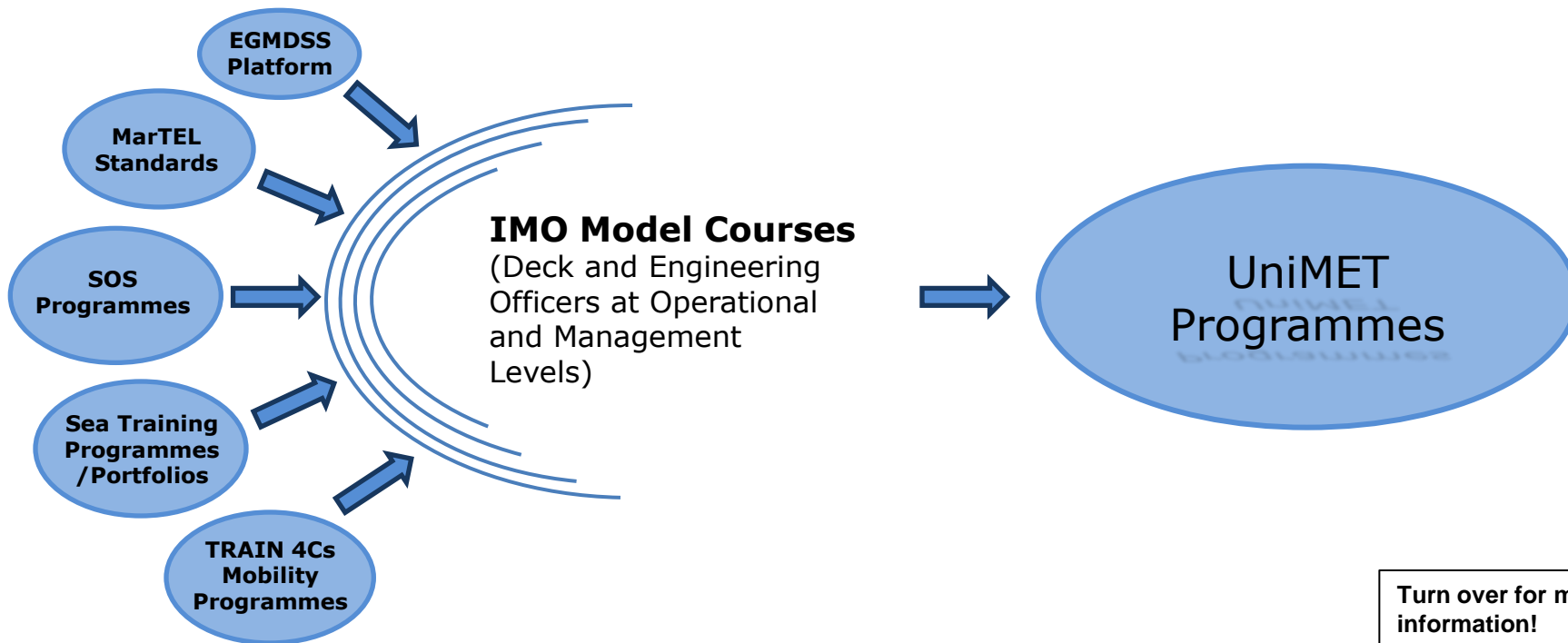




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The **IMO** developed the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) which includes the minimum requirements for the education and training of seafarers in 1978. Major amendments to these standards were adopted in 1995 and 2010. The IMO has passed the responsibility for the application of these standards to national governments and the European Union has established EMSA (European Maritime Safety Agency) to ensure that the STCW standards are implemented in European Union member states and in countries seeking EU support in the implementation of these standards.

UniMET intends to unify the core of Maritime Education and Training (MET) of seafarers based on the STCW and incorporate the good practices in the partner institutions with an aim to disseminate and exploit these programmes across Europe and Worldwide. The UniMET programmes are being cross-referenced with the existing IMO Model courses to ensure the UniMET programmes comply with IMO standards. Any new relevant local, national, European and international updates will be incorporated into UniMET Programmes. UniMET aims to surpass the STCW (which are the minimum standards set by the IMO) and promote higher standards and good practices. A quality assurance and control system for partner institutions will be used for the delivery and sustainability of the UniMET programmes.

The UniMET programmes will be in line with IMO model courses and will incorporate the following elements:

- **SOS Programmes:** Complete and integrated programmes for OOW and senior officers
- **EGMDSS:** E-learning platform for navigators to refresh their knowledge on Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS)
- **MarTEL Standards:** International Standards for Maritime English for cadet/OOW/senior officer level
- **Sea Training Programmes/Portfolios:** Occupational standards for OOW sea training and record keeping
- **TRAIN 4Cs Mobility Programmes:** Transfer of cadets from one country to another to improve safety at sea

UniMET project partners have extensive knowledge and experience in MET. These include MET institutions and professional bodies who have substantial networks and many years of experience in leading and participating in EU and International projects supporting the harmonisation and standardization of higher education and vocational education programmes in Europe and worldwide in-line with objectives of the Lisbon Treaty and Bologna Accords.

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